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FOR SSM

E.O. 11652: N/A
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SUBJ: FOLLOW UP ON INTRUSION REPOROR OF JANUARY 31 AND FEBRUARY 1

REF: SINAI 0227

1. REGULARLY SCHEDULED RECCE FLIGHT ON JANUARY 31 WAS FIRST OBSERVED BY SFM GUARDS WHOSE WINDOW COVERS NORTH TO SOUTH FLIGHTS. THEY ALERTED COMOPS, WHO INFORMED ALL SITES. PLANE WAS PICKED UP BY MITLA WEST AND IT ACTIVATED SENSORS 6 AND 17 AT 1029 ZULU. MITLA WEST STAFF WATCHED PLANE DEPART BUFFER ZONE AND THEN RE-ENTER ON SOUTH TO NORTH COURSE AT 1033 ZULU. IT PASSED DIRECTLY OVER QMITLA WEST. SFM PERSONNEL AT J-1 AND MITLA EAST ALSO OBSERVED PLANE AND TOOK CONFIRMATORY COORDINATES.

2. EXPECTING POSSIBLE RETURN OF SAME PLANE, SFM PERSONNEL AT ALL THREE WATCH STATIONS AND AT J-1 OBSERVED SECOND INTRUSION AT 1103 ZULU. AIRCRAFT ENTERED BUFFER ZONE NORTHWEST OF J-1 AND PASSED THROUGH ZONE ON SOUTH WESTERLY COURSE. ALL OBSERVORS TOOK AZIMUTHS.MJO SENSORS WERE ACTIVATED.

3. SIMILAR FLIGHT PATTERN WAS OBSERVED NEXT DAY, FEBRUARY ONE. SFM OBSERVORS AT J-1, MITLA EAST AND MITLA WEST WATCHED REGULARLY SCHEDULED IDF RECCE FLIGHT PASS FROM NORTH TO SOUTH-SOUTHWEST, CONFIDENTIAL

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TURN, AND COME BACK OVER BUFFER ZONE. ABOUT HALF HOUR LATER, ALL THREE STATIONS AND BOTH J-1 AND E-1 SITES WATCHED SIMILAR PLANE COMMIT SECOND INTRUSION. ALL TOOK AZIMUTHS AND REPORTED. NO SENSORS WERE ACTIVATED DURING EITHER VIOLATION.

4. SFM DIRECTOR TELEXED IDF LIAISON OFFICE JERUSALEM ON FEBRUARY 2 EXPRESSING CONCERN OVER TWO DAYS SUCESSIVE

VIOLATIONS BY IDF RECCE FLIGHTS. HE ALSO ASKED TO BE INFORMED OF ANY FOLLOW UP ACTION BEING TAKEN BY IDF TO ASSURE FUTURE FLIGHTS WOULD BE IN ACCORDANCE WITH SINAI AGREEMENT. COLONEL LEVINSON ACKNOWLEDGED MESSAGE AND SAID IT WOULD BE TAKEN UP WITH PROPER AUTHORITIES.

5. COLONEL LEVINSON WAS QUERIED ABOUT RESULTS ON FEBRUARY 12. HE STATED THAT HE HAD CONTACTED BOTH THE AIR FORCE AND THE OFFICE OF THE MINISTER OF DEFENSE. HE HAD NO ANSWER AS YET. BUT HE OBSERVED THAT THERE WAS NO DISAGREEMENT ABOUT THE DEFINITION OF A RECCE FLIGHT AS A SINGLE PASS DOWN THE MEDIAN LINE OF THE BUFFER ZONE. HE SUPPOSED THAT SOMEONE MIGHT HAVE BEEN ISSUING INDEPENDENT INSTRUCTIONS.
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